

Washington, DC- Today, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the City of Las Cruces has been awarded over \$1.5 million for economic and community development. The funding, allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME program. The grants will fund programs which expand economic opportunities in the area.

“These grants will help Las Cruces grow the economy by investing in projects that will build or revitalize community services and neighborhoods. In addition to developing new services and facilities, these grants will create jobs as we put people to work improving both residential and public buildings. Competitive grant programs like the CDBG are important because they help communities invest in projects that will have a lasting effect on both the community and the local economy,” said Harry Teague.

Las Cruces received \$1,096,221 through the Community Development Block Grant, which will help develop and grow the community. The funding may be put towards expanding economic opportunities, community planning and construction of public facilities, as well as housing options for individuals with low and moderate incomes. In addition, the city received \$535,181 through the HOME grant program to address local housing needs and priorities.

“We are encouraged to see that Las Cruces has been competitive in receiving CDBG allocations. The provision of affordable and available housing is essential to growing and sustaining a localized workforce which is critical to job creation. Financial stability at home enables individuals to plant roots and concentrate on their future career and development plans without the worries of having to relocate time and time again,” said Davin Lopez, President and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA). “Companies that look at Las Cruces for their expansion plans want to know that the local workforce is neither nomadic or short term.”

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